

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**February 2013 – Week 2**

**Air Date: February 10 – February 16 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: COMPANY OF EAGLES**

**FEBRUARY 1979 AND IT'S REVOLUTION!**

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

FEBRUARY 11, 1979. TEHRAN. IRAN IS IN THE THROES OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION. WHEN TWO EMPLOYEES OF TEXAS COMPANY E-D-S ARE CAPTURED, CEO H. ROSS PEROT IS DETERMINED TO GET HIS MEN OUT.

WHEN TALKS FAIL, PEROT HIRES A RETIRED ARMY COMMANDO AND PLANS A COVERT RESCUE. DUBBED OPERATION HOTFOOT, THE PLAN IS READY TO GO IN JUST TWO WEEKS.

PEROT, DISGUISED AS AN NBC COURIER, SLIPS INTO IRAN TO INFORM HIS EMPLOYEES.

BUT TODAY, IRANIAN RIOTERS STORM THE PRISON AND THE MEN ESCAPE. THEY'RE SMUGGLED BY CAR INTO TURKEY, WHERE PEROT IS WAITING.

THE ESCAPE INSPIRED THE BEST-SELLING BOOK "ON THE WINGS OF EAGLES".

ROSS PEROT GAVE IRAN A HOTFOOT, 34 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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